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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

GUNTER ET AL

Examiner

Ronald Baum

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1- 10 are pending for examination.
2. Claims 1- 10 are rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamming et al, U.S. Patent 6,144,997.
4. As per claim 1; "A method for expediting delegation of at least one permission over at least one personal area network via a delegation device [Abstract, figure 1 and associated description, col. 1, line 16-col. 2, line 57] comprising the steps of: (A) creating, on one or more computers, pregenerated values representing at least a portion of data required to create a digital signature [col. 8, lines 23-col. 9, line 29]; (B) transferring said values to said delegation device; (C) using said values in creating a digital signature on said delegation device; and (D) delegating by a delegator to a delegatee the permission over said personal area network while physical presence exists between the delegator and the delegatee, wherein the permission is represented using said digital signature, and wherein said permission comprises authority to access a service. [as per limitations (B)-(D); col. 2, lines 6-57, col. 3, lines 36-58, col. 4, lines 43-66, col. 5, lines 45-

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col. 6, line 11, col. 6, lines 41-51, col. 7, lines 51-62, col. 8, lines 23-col. 9, line 29, col. 9, lines 66-col. 10, line 26, col. 10, lines 49-65, col. 11, lines 6-24]”;

Further, as per claim 6; “A system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 1 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 1 rejection] for expediting delegation of at least one permission over at least one personal area network via a delegation device comprising: one or more computers that create pregenerated values representing at least a portion of data required to create a digital signature; a delegation device, wherein said values are transferred to said delegation device and used in creating a digital signature on said delegation device; and wherein a delegator delegates to a delegatee via said delegation device said permission over said personal area network while physical presence exists between the delegator and the delegatee, wherein said permission is represented using said digital signature, and wherein said permission comprises authority to access a service.”.

5. Claim 2 *additionally recites* the limitation that; “The method of claim 1 wherein step (B) comprises synchronizing said one or more computers with said delegation device.”. The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3, lines 35-col. 6, line 11, col. 8, lines 23-col. 10, line 65);

Further, as per claim 7 *additionally reciting* the limitation that; “The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 2 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 2 rejection] of claim 6 wherein said transferring comprises synchronizing said one or more computers with said delegation device.”.

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6. Claim 3 *additionally recites* the limitation that; "The method of claim 1 wherein said delegation device comprises a constrained device." The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 5, lines 45-col. 6, line 11);

Further, as per claim 8 *additionally reciting* the limitation that; "The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 3 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 3 rejection] of claim 6 wherein said delegation device comprises a constrained device."

7. Claim 4 *additionally recites* the limitation that; "The method of claim 1 wherein the service comprises accessing content." The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3, lines 35-col. 5, line 17, col. 6, lines 1-11, col. 10, lines 25-42);

Further, as per claim 9 *additionally reciting* the limitation that; "The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 4 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 4 rejection] of claim 6 wherein said service comprises accessing content."

8. Claim 5 *additionally recites* the limitation that; "The method of claim 1 wherein the service comprises actuating a device." The teachings of Lamming et al suggest such limitations (col. 3, lines 35-col. 5, line 17, col. 6, lines 1-11, col. 7, lines 8-22, col. 9, lines 30-42, col. 10, lines 25-42, col. 11, lines 32-col. 12, line 57.);

Further, as per claim 10 *additionally reciting* the limitation that; "The system [This claim is the system claim for the method claim 5 above, and is rejected for the same reasons provided for the claim 5 rejection] of claim 6 wherein said service comprises actuating a device."

Conclusion

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9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from examiner should be directed to Ronald Baum, whose telephone number is (703) 305-4276. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

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